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COVER PICTURE: Child Painting in Ossining Children's Center

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DEPARTMENT ISSUES SALARY LAW HANDBOOK

Suggestions for administering the New York State Teachers' Salary Law of 1947 have been distributed by the State Education Department to school officials, boards of education, teachers' associations and other interested groups.

These suggestions, in handbook form, are a part of the revised report of the Advisory Committee on Teachers' Salaries appointed by Commissioner Francis T. Spaulding in May 1947 to present suggestions for the Commissioner's Regulations for administering the law and to work out standards and procedures to assist local school authorities in their task of making the new law effective.

"It is not the intent of the handbook nor of the law to set up a rigid and prescribed procedure for administering promotional increments on a state-wide basis," said Commissioner Spaulding. "The procedures described in the handbook are offered as suggestions from which the local boards may select those best adapted to their own use. They were prepared by the Advisory Committee with the help and counsel of many other educators in the State."

The preliminary report of the Advisory Committee, issued in September 1947, was circulated widely to school officials, teachers' organizations and other interested groups throughout the State for criticism and suggestions. Some 200 communications were received in response to this report. These were given consideration by the committee and many of them have been incorporated in the revised report.

In a letter transmitting its report to Commissioner Spaulding the Advisory Committee says, "It is the belief of the committee that its appointment and functioning have added a milestone to the educational progress of the State, and that teachers' participation in professional matters will become a continuing and expanding procedure."

The first promotional increments granted under the new law will be made at the close of the present school year and will affect salaries paid during the school year 1948–49. The new law sets up higher minimum salary schedules for teachers and provides for five annual increments for all teachers and four additional promotional increments to be awarded to at least minimum percentages of the teaching staff in each community on the basis of standards of exceptional service, adopted locally by the board of education with the participation of the teachers of that school system.

The handbook of administrative suggestions clarifies the provisions of the law with respect to the areas of exceptional service specified in the law as the basis for additional increments, points out that such promotions must be made on the basis of objective evidence and that the teachers themselves must participate in determining what evidence shall indicate exceptional teaching service. It also clarifies the manner and extent of teacher participation in administering the promotional increment provisions of the law.

As a guide to communities in setting up their own standards of exceptional serv-

ice, the handbook suggests services characteristic of the exceptional teacher together with evidences of their practice. Procedures suggested for consideration and use by local boards include setting up the local advisory committee, formulating standards of exceptional service, gathering and evaluating the evidence of exceptional service, recommending promotional increments and revising promotional standards and procedures. There is an annotated bibliography on the evaluation of teaching service.

Summaries of the requirements of the law and the Commissioner's Regulations for its administration are included in the handbook. An appendix quotes pertinent portions of the law itself and lists the regulations suggested by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Regents for application of the law.

Immediately following distribution of the handbook, the Department mailed to each teacher in the State a small circular containing answers to the most frequently asked questions about the new salary law. Arranged as a series of questions and answers, the circular gives direct and specific information on such features of the law as minimum salary schedules, promotional increments, prescribed methods of promotions and teacher participation in setting standards for additional increments awarded for exceptional teaching service.

According to Dr J. Cayce Morrison, Assistant Commissioner for Research under whose direction the circular was prepared, the questions are based on queries sent to the Commissioner's Advisory Committee following the issuance of that committee's preliminary report in September 1947. " Many of the questions were of such a nature that they could not be readily answered in the committee's final report," said Doctor Morrison. " It is hoped that the information given in this circular may help to answer some of the questions which, quite reasonably, have been in the minds of teachers since the passage of the new salary law."

The circular calls attention to the fact that teachers will need to recognize that any new program such as is specified in the salary law must necessarily pass through an experimental period and further that under the promotional increment plan, much higher salaries can be made available for large percentages of teachers than could be provided if all increments were automatic for all teachers.

ENDICOTT CHILDREN GIVE BOOKS

The children of Greater Endicott opened the national drive to provide books for rural areas of the United States in the campaign sponsored by the Save the Children Federation and Our World through Books, Inc. These two organizations also inaugurated the treasure chest plan for children overseas. The children presented a treasure chest of books to a school in Kentucky. This treasure chest of books was accepted by ten-year-old Wanda Combs in the name of all the children of rural Kentucky.

Through the efforts of Mrs Robert Hergonson of the Endicott Public Library, Endicott was selected for the first in the series of drives to be conducted in the Nation's schools to collect books for people living in sections not served by libraries.

The Library Club in Carthage is setting plans in motion to send a treasure chest of books to a rural school in Missouri. The chest will include a scrapbook with snapshots of the library among other items.

Board of Regents

BOARD ACTS ON COMMITTEES AND CHARTERS

The following appointments were made by the Board of Regents at its meeting in Albany on January 16th:

Dr Nelson W. Strohm of Buffalo was reappointed as a member of the Medical Committee on Grievances for a term of five years beginning January 1, 1948.

Appointed to the committee assisting the State Education Department in revising the manual for community participation in educational planning were John L. Miller, superintendent of schools at Great Neck, and A. John Holden jr, coordinator of field services at State Teachers College, Geneseo.

The following committee was appointed to assist the State Education Department in preparing a bulletin for teachers of English: Robert Carruthers, Middleburg High School; Charles H. Carver, Monroe High School, Rochester; Mary Elizabeth Conklin, Milne High School, Albany; Richard K. Corbin, Peekskill High School; Dr Helene W. Hartley, professor of education, Syracuse University; Esther McCabe, Salamanca High School; William R. Macleod, High School of Music and Art, New York City; H. C. Newton, director of English, Syracuse.

Charters and amendments to charters were granted as follows:

An absolute charter was granted to The Suffolk Museum at Stony Brook, Long Island. This museum of history, art and science, located in the town of Brookhaven, Suffolk county, has operated on a provisional charter since 1942.

An absolute charter was granted to Bailey Hall, Inc., at Katonah, Westchester county. This school for exceptional children gives instruction and care at kindergarten and elementary levels with activities in special fields adapted to the children in attendance. It has operated on a provisional charter since 1932.

A provisional charter to run for five years was granted to The Flatbush Nursery School, Inc., a cooperative parent venture for boys and girls of nursery school and kindergarten age. It is located at 1167 East 13th street, Brooklyn.

A provisional charter to run for five years was granted to the North Shore Day School, Inc., of Glen Cove, to operate a private elementary school, including nursery school and kindergarten.

Amendment was granted to the charter of Cazenovia Seminary at Cazenovia, Madison county, providing for a change of name to Cazenovia Junior College. Certain changes in the number of trustees and the manner of their election were also approved.

The Albert G. Dow Free Library at Randolph, Cattaraugus county, was authorized to change its name to the Randolph Library.

The charter of the Dodge Memorial Library at Rouses Point, Clinton county, was amended to permit appointment of its trustees by the village board.

The Robert Louis Stevenson Evening School, 81st street and Broadway, New York City, was admitted to The University of the State of New York as of high school grade.

The name of Warrensburg High School at Warrensburg was changed to Warrensburg Central School, Warrensburg.

Business schools were registered as follows: Berkeley School, Inc., and Collegiate Secretarial Institute, both of New York City; Rochester Business Institute (Branch), Oswego; Spencer Business School, Schenectady; Troy Business College, Troy; Westchester Commercial School, New Rochelle. Two business schools — Rochester Business Institute, Rochester, and Utica School of Commerce, Utica — were registered.

HISTORY WAS MADE BEFORE THIS FIREPLACE

[This is the twenty-first in a series of articles on the State's historic sites by John J. Vrooman, supervisor of historic sites.]

The fireplace of a colonial house was truly the heart of the home. Into the radius of its cheery warmth came all members of the family whenever opportunity presented. Before it, was enacted the daily drama of family life. The Bible was read aloud here in the morning. Warmed by a cheery fire, the master of the house held political and business conferences in front of it; through the afternoon, at tea and cakes, or again in the evening it was the hospitable background of many a gay gathering. In the hush of late hours, its dwindling fire accompanied solitary meditations or shed its subdued glow on the intimate conversation of the couple who reluctantly relinquished its companionship for colder bedchambers and the snowy chilliness of homespun sheets.

The Schuyler mansion is one of the finest examples of Georgian-American architecture extant. The fireplace shown in the photograph witnessed much that was vitally important in the political, social and economic life of early Albany, for none ranked higher than the Schuylers and to their hospitable home came all important personages whose travels led them to this old Dutch town. A listing of the guests at "The Pastures," as the estate was known, makes the truth of this statement astonishingly apparent.

The house was completed in 1762 by General Bradstreet, intimate friend of General Schuyler, who acted for him during the latter's absence in England. As in so many houses of that period, there have been alterations. This fireplace seems not to have escaped them for among the general's personal papers there remains a document which reads:

> Philadelphia, June 29, 1767
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> Wm Bayard bot of David Chambers four marble chimney pieces with hearth for Ph. Schuyler's House at Albany £43.18S

The date shows that the alteration was made by the general himself.

The "marble chimney pieces" remain today though the hearth has disappeared. The marble is used as were Dutch tile, joining the chimney opening with the mantle face, which in this instance is ornamented by a bolection molding. A delicate, hand-carved piece crosses the face of the mantle just below the mantle shelf. Above the shelf, on the expansive, paneled overmantle there is an ornate border in the corners of which are hand-carved oak leaves. The crowning beauty of the whole is an ornamented scroll pediment, reaching to the cornice.

Many of the articles in the room were once the property of members of the Schuyler family. The rose bowl vase on the mantle was the gift of Martha Washington to Mrs Philip Schuyler, whose portrait hangs at the left of the fireplace. The Adam couch and chairs once a part of the original furnishings have again taken their accustomed place in this historic setting, as gifts of General Schuyler's descendants.

From a chance meeting in this house there grew one of the most widely known of historical romances. General Washington's staff officer, the brilliant young Colonel Alexander Hamilton, stopped at "The Pastures" in 1777 on his way to Saratoga to confer with General Schuyler. It follows that he was socially received and introduced to the family. Memories of the dark-eyed Elizabeth accompanied him the remainder of his way and on his return he found it necessary to stop again to confer with the general before returning to his headquarters at Valley Forge. An active military career kept Hamilton far from Albany and it was not until the winter of 1779–80 that the young couple had any considerable time together. Then General Schuyler was requested by General Washington to

Fireplace in the Hamilton Room of the Schuyler Mansion

come to winter headquarters at the Ford Mansion, Morristown, for a series of conferences, and Elizabeth went with him. It was the gayest winter the Army of the Revolution experienced. Balls, dinners and sleighing parties succeeded one another, and shortly the engagement of Elizabeth Schuyler and Alexander Hamilton was announced.

The wedding took place at "The Pastures" the following December 1780 and, as tradition has it, before this very fireplace. The Schuyler recipe for wedding cake calls for "Twelve dozen eggs, forty-eight pounds of raisons, twenty-four pounds of currents, four quarts of brandy and a quart of rum." Since that time the room has been known as the Hamilton Room. Always gay at Christmas time, the house outdid itself in the warmth of its hospitality to its greater number of guests during that memorable holiday season.

Letters from Hamilton through subsequent years tell of his life here and of his study of law, aided by Colonel Schuyler's ample library. In lighter vein he writes to Lafayette:

> I have been employed the last ten months in rocking the cradle and studying the art of fleecing my neighbors.

It was a strange coincidence that Burr, whose duelling pistol killed Hamilton in July 1804, should also have enjoyed the hospitality of the same Schuyler fireside through the winter of 1784–85 while he was in Albany as a member of the Legislature.

The general's study adjoins the Hamilton Room at the rear, with access on either side of the fireplace. Being smaller, it is obvious the two rooms would have been used *en suite*. No doubt they were so used in 1776, when General Schuyler entertained three commissioners appointed with extraordinary powers by Congress to journey to Montreal to invite the Canadians to join the Union as the fourteenth colony under a republican form of government. The commissioners were Dr Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Samuel Chase and Charles Carroll of Maryland.

The next year, following the surrender at Saratoga, Burgoyne and his staff filled the house. With them, for good measure, were the Baroness Reidesel and her three children all under six, as well as Lady Harriet Askland. All facilities were taxed to the utmost, but a house must, of necessity, be as big as the heart of its master. The written word attests the fact that the warmth of the Schuyler's hospitality brought tears to the eyes of the British commander.

General Burgoyne was not the first Englishman of importance to enjoy the friendly warmth of this home. As early as 1767, Philip Schuyler had been appointed colonel of a local regiment, probably at the instigation of Sir Henry Moore, then Colonial Governor, who with Lady Moore and their daughter, had been guests at "The Pastures" in 1765.

Fifteen years passed by. The war had been won. The house had long echoed to the reports of defeat and of victory. In 1781 it had resounded to the cheers and joy over the great victory at Yorktown.

Two more years passed. Then one July day General Washington, in company with Governor George Clinton, came to "The Pastures" and remained one night while on a tour of the northern battlefields of the upper Hudson and the Mohawk valleys. General Washington had visited his friend, General Schuyler, at "The Pastures" before under the exacting circumstances of war which allowed him little time to enjoy the spirit of the house. This visit in 1783 must have been a happy one, for all they had hoped for, prayed for and fought for had been won.

The succeeding years of peace brought many another prominent visitor, for General Schuyler was as active in the development of the State as he had been in defending it. No doubt Elkanah Watson and he spent many sunny hours in these rooms perfecting plans for the Inland Lock Navigation Company of which Philip Schuyler was president. The canal they built was the forerunner of the Erie Canal. That was in 1792. The same warmth of hospitality, always a part of his home, continued to that day in November 1804, when General Philip Schuyler was laid at rest. The Schuyler Mansion is truly a House of History.

The mansion is now being redecorated. Careful research has revealed many of the original colors and these are to be used in the work now in progress. The house is closed to the public during this interval of two to three months.

SEMINAR POSTPONED

Announcement is made that the proposed Summer Seminar for Teachers which was to have been held at the American University of Beirut at Beirut, Lebanon, in the summer of 1948 has been postponed until 1949.

The project is being sponsored jointly by State Teachers College at Oneonta, Wilson Teachers College of Washington, D. C., and Western Michigan College of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Teacher Education

SUMMER SESSION OFFERS SPECIAL TRAINING

Syracuse University has announced its program in special education for exceptional children to be offered during the 1948 summer session. This program was established in 1946 to meet the demand for teachers, administrators and psychologists who have had academic training and professional experience with physically handicapped children and with children of retarded mental development.

Provision is made in the curriculum for undergraduates in a five-year course leading to bachelor's and master's degrees, for those who are working for higher degrees in education or philosophy, and for graduates of normal school or teachers colleges to earn a certificate in several areas of special education. The program is offered through the cooperation of several divisions of the university and several local schools and institutions working with exceptional children. During the period of this program, the third annual conference in problems of impaired hearing will be held in Syracuse.

Full information on programs in the education of exceptional children may be had from the Director of Special Education, School of Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, N. Y.

In-service training programs through extension courses of field workshops will also be offered in local school centers of central New York State. Information on these programs may be had from the Director, Bureau of School Services, School of Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, N. Y.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL ARRANGED

A demonstration elementary school, operated in cooperation with the Syracuse public schools, will provide students at the Syracuse University summer session with observation opportunity. It will be used by classes in elementary education, supervision, administration and educational psychology and will be available also to public school administrators and teachers not regularly enrolled in university courses.

Children in the school will represent a cross section of a typical school population. They will be divided into the following groups: preschool, primary level; intermediate level, and special groups of the nonhearing, slow-learning and orthopedic cases.

The demonstration school will run for four weeks of the six-week summer session, preceded by one week of formulating an educational philosophy and followed by a week of evaluating the effectiveness of the program. The director of the summer demonstration school is C. W. Hunnicutt. The summer session will run from July 5th to August 13th.

In addition to the regular staff teaching courses in the area of elementary education at the university, the Demonstration School staff will be augmented by teachers from various parts of the United States who have proved themselves to be outstanding guiders of children and who are agreed that children learn to be democratic by living democratically.

Elementary Education

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS HOLD STATE CONFERENCE

New officers of the New York State Association of Elementary Principals, elected at the annual conference December 28th–30th in Syracuse, include: president, Carl W. Griffing of Corning; first vice president, Charles E. Flinn of Watertown; second vice president, Raymond Arnold of Kenmore; secretary-treasurer (re-elected), Charles W. Joyce of Rochester.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Syracuse, December 5–7, 1948.

At the opening meeting a symposium discussed the topic, "What is a good elementary school?" Members of the symposium included two pupils in the Syracuse schools, Carl E. Gibson, principal, Seneca School, Irondequoit; Mrs John Blackmore, teacher at Solvay; Mrs Gertrude Becker, vice president, New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers; Adelaide W. Baker, supervisor of elementary education, Rome; Fred B. Painter, superintendent of schools, Gloversville; George Clicquennoi, member, North Hornell Board of Education.

Other speakers at the conference included Dr Paul Mort, who discussed the financing of education; Dr Russell Carter, supervisor of music, State Education Department; Dr Leon M. Adkins, pastor, First Methodist Church, Schenectady; Dr Erwin D. Canham, editor, Christian Science Monitor.

Earle W. Nash, Rochester, legislative committee chairman, presented the proposed legislative program. Special interest centered on the proposal for fiscal independence of communities not now having it and the proposal to amend the teachers' salary law to make all increments automatic.

"The Arts and Crafts in the Elementary School" was the topic considered at the final session. A panel discussion followed talks by Dr Robert M. Skelton, director of art education, State Teachers College, Brockport; and Dr Stanley A. Czurles, director of art education, State College for Teachers at Buffalo. Members of the panel included Helen Hay Heyl, Chief, Bureau of Curriculum Development, State Education Department; George E. Bryant, superintendent of schools, Roslyn; Herbert A. Steinke, supervisor of art, Albany; Roy G. Fales, supervisor of industrial arts, State Education Department. Dr William E. Young, Director of Elementary Education, State Education Department, summarized the discussion.

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GIFTED CHILDREN

The experimental program for intellectually gifted children, established in 1941 at the Hunter College Elementary School, has been extended for three more years by the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York.

More than 500 children with an I. Q. of 130 or above have been enrolled at the school. The course of study is the same as that at other public schools but the curriculum includes art, music, French and audio-visual instruction, and a large library is available to the children. Dr Florence N. Brumbaugh is principal.

Applications by mail will be accepted from February 1st to March 15th for admission next September. Only children between the ages of three and 11 who live in Manhattan are eligible.

A pictorial report on the work of the public schools of Syracuse was distributed early in January.

COMMITTEE ON PARENT EDUCATION MEETS

The Regents Parent Education Committee met at the State Education Building December 15th–17th. The committee reviewed the programs of parent and family life education in the State and discussed means of coordinating the many public and semipublic agencies conducting programs in this field.

The broad scope of parent education, as it relates to social work, public health work, public education and religious education, library work, guidance, psychological and psychiatric services, was considered by the committee. Some time was devoted to an evaluation of the conference on parent education and child development held in Rochester December 3d–5th.

Plans were made for the 15th annual conference on parent education and child development, to be held for both lay and professional people, somewhere in the eastern part of the State next fall.

Members of the Regents Parent Education Committee include: chairman, Myra Woodruff, supervisor, Bureau of Child Development and Parent Education; Anne Kuhn, consultant in parent education and child development, Rochester; Mrs Wilma D. Scott, supervisor of parent education, Schenectady; Mrs Edith A. Eaton, specialist in parent education, Niagara Falls; Rosamond Praeger, supervisor, early childhood and parent education, Syracuse; Dr Margaret Wylie, extension specialist in child development and family relationships, State College of Home Economics at Cornell University; Mrs Jean Schick Grossman, director of parent education, Play Schools Association of New York City.

SCHOOLS SEND HELP TO EUROPE

A circular issued by C A R E (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.) suggests ways that schools can provide practical help for the children and youth of Europe.

The circular, entitled "One Hope for Peace," outlines how teachers and students may join in the humanitarian program sponsored by this nonprofit, government-approved organization composed of 27 leading relief agencies. The program has the approval of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Department of Elementary School Principals and college organizations.

The $10 C A R E packages are guaranteed personal delivery to any individual or group or type of individual or group, such as "a high school in Paris" or "a needy student in Prague." Guaranteed delivery covers the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Eire, Finland, France, Greece, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Hungary and Germany (American, French and British zones and all of Berlin). C A R E packages are admitted duty, tax and ration free in these countries.

The Educational Unit of C A R E reports that from November 24th to December 29, 1947, contributions were received from 286 elementary schools, 794 high schools and 1300 colleges including university professors.

Since the end of the war, C A R E has sent more than three million packages of food and textiles to needy individuals and groups in Europe.

Further information and display material may be obtained from Educational Section, C A R E, 50 Broad street, New York 4, N. Y.

Secondary Education

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WOULD REVISE STATE AID

Active indorsement of efforts to revise state aid for schools of the State was voted by the New York State Association of Secondary School Principals at its 63d annual meeting in Syracuse, December 4th–6th. The text of the resolution follows:

Resolved, That the New York State Association of Secondary School Principals direct its legislative committee to actively cooperate with all professional and lay organizations to promote legislation that will provide the following goals:

Assure minimum allowances for equalization of educational opportunities in all school districts — at least $200 per elementary pupil in average daily attendance, kindergarten through grade 6, and $260 per secondary pupil in average daily attendance

Provide state aid for at least 50 per cent of these cost allowances with enough additional state support to assure that all districts can provide these minimum allowances with a five-mill property tax as proposed by the Educational Conference Board

Exempt school taxes in all cities from the 2 per cent limitation and make all school boards fiscally independent

The following resolution on establishment of the intermediate unit was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the legislative committee of this association support legislation favoring the establishment of the intermediate unit.

The association also voted to support a program for teachers' salaries that will increase the number of automatic increments to at least eight, recognize years of service in assigning teachers to the salary schedule and grant promotional increments to all teachers who qualify under locally accepted standards.

William T. Hoag

Attendance at the meeting was approximately 700, a marked increase over last year's attendance. Dates for the 1948 conference were set for December 2d–4th.

Officers for 1948 were elected as follows:

President, William T. Hoag, Angola; vice president, Albert O. Jenkins, Geneseo; secretary, Martin M. Mansperger, Freeport; assistant secretary, Foster S. Brown, Suffern; treasurer, Earl Vandermeulen, Port Jefferson; assistant treasurer, Wilbur T. Miller, Corning. Mem-

bers of the executive committee include: Frank K. Mosher, Marion; T. Walsh McQuillan, Au Sable Forks; Willard F. Prior, Oneida.

Other resolutions passed by the association include:

Continued support of efforts to obtain amendment to the federal income tax law to exempt retirement allowances of those retired under local and state teachers retirement systems

Urging legislation to provide state aid for adult education programs, including programs at central schools

Supporting amendment to the State Teachers Retirement Law to provide for service retirement at an age five years earlier than the present law allows, provision for purchase of additional annuities

Sponsoring legislation to permit adjustment on unclaimed prior service by teachers nearing the retirement age

Indorsing privileges under the retirement system for veterans of World Wars I and II entering the teaching profession or returning after leave of absence for military service

Promoting the preparation and adoption of uniform college application forms and uniform transcription blanks for school credits and recommending omission on College Board application blanks of choice of college

Indorsing the program of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and pledging continued support of its program through information to schools and communities

Reaffirming belief in cooperation and aid by the schools to the generally recognized relief agencies

Urging active follow-up by school principals of the findings of the Harrison conference on problems of secondary education

Pledging continued effort to secure legislation to increase the number of University scholarships

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COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP OFFER RESUMED

The Colorado School of Mines has resumed its annual offer of one scholarship to a student from New York State. The scholarship for the academic year 1948–49 provides tuition for a maximum of four years, subject to satisfactory scholastic standing. The scholarship has a value of approximately $425 and is for tuition only. It does not apply to summer sessions. It must be used at the beginning of the fall semester following its issuance.

To qualify, the applicant must be a resident of this State, must show a scholastic standing in the upper tenth of his class and must satisfy entrance requirements of the School of Mines. He may enter as a freshman or as an upperclassman, but he must be a student new to the Colorado school. The scholarship is offered to provide educational benefits to qualified students and to attract to the school young men of true engineering type from various sections of the country.

The Colorado School of Mines offers courses leading to engineering degrees in mining, metallurgy, geology, petroleum production and petroleum refining, with options in fuel engineering and geophysics and elective courses in the production and utilizaton of cements, refractories, clays and other nonmetallic minerals.

Principals who wish to recommend pupils in their senior class should communicate with Dr Warren W. Knox, Director of the Division of Secondary Education, State Education Department, Albany. All applicants must be recommended by the State Education Commissioner.

Applications must reach the office of the president of the Colorado School of Mines by July 15, 1948.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE PLANNED

The 21st annual Junior High School Conference to consider the problems of junior high school education will be held at New York University, February 20th and 21st. The conference is sponsored by the School of Education of New York University.

Willard E. Goslin, superintendent of schools in Minneapolis, will speak at the first general session on "The Factors Blocking the Progress of Junior High School Education, and What Can Be Done about Them." The second day of the conference will be given over to sectional meetings for discussion of particular and general problems.

The advisory committee for the conference includes the following educators from New York State: Dr Harry V. Gilson, Associate Commissioner of Education; Dr Harrison H. Van Cott, Chief of the Bureau of Instructional Supervision (Secondary) in the State Education Department; Dr J. Harry Adams, director of secondary schools, Albany; Dr Elias Lieberman, associate superintendent in charge of junior high schools, New York City; J. H. Shack, principal, Junior High School 58, the Bronx; Maxwell Littwin, principal of Junior High School 98, the Bronx; Edward Bernath, principal of Junior High School 65, Manhattan; Mrs Gertrude Selkowe, Joan of Arc Junior High School, Manhattan; Irwin A. Eckhauser, Graham Junior High School, Mount Vernon.

MARITIME HIGH SCHOOL

New York City has a new kind of high school, with training for a maritime career given aboard a converted Liberty Ship, the "S. S. John W. Brown." The 423-foot vessel is an official annex of Metropolitan Vocational High School.

Boys who will major in the maritime course spend the first year of high school in the vocational high school main building. During the next three years they alternate each week between the floating school for direct maritime instruction and the conventional school where they pursue the academic course.

The ship has accommodations for 150 boys. Although it never leaves its dock, boys receive deck and engine room instruction as well as training in radio, boat building and steward functions. Graduates are qualified as ordinary seamen and may take examinations for higher maritime ratings after nine months.

DEMONSTRATION

The Bureau of Adult Education of the Department participated in the annual conference of the New York State Association of Secondary School Principals held in Syracuse in December.

A two-hour session to demonstrate the relation of adult education to citizenship education and public affairs used the opinion meter technic. R. J. Pulling, Acting Chief of the Bureau, acted as moderator, with Donald F. Ferguson, central area regional director, as assistant.

The subject used for demonstration was "Shall We Have Universal Military Training in Peacetime?" Speakers for and against the issue were Dr Daniel A. Poling, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Military Training, affirmative; Dr Harold Taylor, president of Sarah Lawrence College, negative.

School and Public Libraries

FILMS IN LIBRARIES

"Films in Public Libraries" (Part 2 of the October 15, 1947, Library Journal) contains a selected list of films and tells how to plan, finance, equip and administer an audio-visual department. Sections on the motion picture, the still picture, projectors and administration are included.

According to the introduction, the publication "is a compendium of current practice in which the inexperienced librarian will find most, if not all, of the information he needs for a beginning; while even the most experienced, audio-visually speaking, will find it a comprehensive and useful publication for desk reference."

This illustrated publication is a project of the Audio-Visual Committee of the American Library Association. It can be bought separately for $1.00.

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PLAN REGIONAL UNIT

Dutchess County librarians are planning a regional unit and have met in Millbrook to discuss the organization of a regional library association. A committee to study the matter includes Albertina Traver of Poughkeepsie, Marian Dodd of Millbrook and Frances Drace of Wappingers Falls.

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LIBRARIAN RETIRES

Eugenia C. Murphy, assistant head of the branch department in the Buffalo Public Library, has retired after 35 years' service. Miss Murphy also worked in the Lafayette High School and Jubilee branches. She intends to live in her childhood home in Lewiston.

ADVISORY SERVICE

The Saranac Free Library and the Saranac Lake Study and Craft Guild have established a cooperative readers' advisory service for confined patients in the village. The project is in charge of Mrs Ann Convel, librarian, and Mary Hoey of the guild. Upon request to either the library or the guild, Miss Hoey will visit a patient to assist in the development of reading interests, either specialized or general. Working closely with Mrs Convel, she will prepare reading lists of books available in the local library or in the State Library at Albany.

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OFFICERS ELECTED

Suffolk County Library Association at its annual meeting elected the following officers: Mrs Miriam Mallett of Bay Shore, president; Alma Jones of Patchogue, vice president; Mrs Muriel Wiggins of Patchogue, corresponding secretary; Mrs Marjorie LeCluse of Blue Point, recording secretary; Mrs Mercia Frailey of Brentwood, treasurer.

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MUSIC COLLECTION

The Carthage Free Library has added a new department, a phonograph record collection of classical, semiclassical, modern and children's music. To increase the collections and provide replacements, a small rental fee is charged for the service.

This collection was made possible primarily through efforts of the Carthage Music Club, which held a benefit musicale. Further donations of records or money are welcomed.

NEW MATERIALS FOR LIBRARIES ARE AVAILABLE

The H. W. Wilson Company has announced the second edition and first supplement of its Union List of Serials. These two volumes, greatly increased in scope, are sold on the service basis method of charge, bringing the reference tool within the price range of smaller libraries.

The Catalog of Reprints in Series (192p. $3.50. H. W. Wilson Company, New York 52, N. Y.) has 24 additional pages in its latest annual edition. This means, roughly, that 900 more reprints are available today than a year ago.

The Council against Intolerance in America has four posters entitled "We Hold These Truths" for free distribution. The address is 17 East 42d street, New York 17, N. Y.

The 1947–48 edition of Reading for Democracy — Books for Young Americans is now available upon request to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 203 North Wabash avenue, Chicago 1, Ill. The list can be used with discussion and study groups, for book programs and reviews, for exhibits and radio programs and as a guide to purchase of gifts.

An illustrated booklet, Community Education, showing how cooperative ventures can lead to adult education projects, is obtainable from the New York Adult Education Council, 254 Fourth avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

SCENIC EXHIBIT

A large exhibit on Scenic New York State has recently been placed in the New York State Museum, directly opposite the central elevators at the entrance to the Museum. The exhibit belongs to the State Commerce Department and has been displayed in the State Capitol and in the Grand Central Station in New York City. It consists of a series of colored photographs of outstanding scenic and recreational areas of the State, and a large map of the State so wired that a series of push buttons may be used to light a small lamp showing the location of the outstanding vacation areas of the State.

This exhibit will be on display at the Museum for three or four months. Meanwhile, repairs are proceeding on the Gilboa Forest exhibit now concealed by the Commerce Department's demonstration of the State's scenic attractions.

CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

A Children's Crusade will assist in a world-wide campaign of American Overseas Aid — United Nations Appeal for Children for $60,000,000. The campaign, to be conducted in February 1948, will ask for funds to be used for emergency relief of war victims in Europe and Asia. Support for the crusade of children for children has been pledged by the National Education Association, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the United States Office of Education, the Youth Division of the National Social Welfare Assembly and the United Nations Collegiate Council.

American Overseas Aid is a federation of established private American agencies for foreign relief and services. The United Nations Appeal for Children was established March 29, 1947, by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Department Staff

DR JOHN S. ALLEN GOES TO FLORIDA

Dr John S. Allen has resigned as Director of the Division of Higher Education in the State Education Department to become vice president of the University of Florida at Gainesville. The resignation is effective February 15th. He will assume his duties in Florida at once.

Doctor Allen came to the State Education Department in 1942 after 11 years at Colgate University, where he was assistant professor of astronomy and dean of freshmen. Previously he had been on the faculty of the University of Minnesota for two years.

He has contributed many articles on astronomy, higher education and veteran education to professional and educational journals. He is the author of Astronomy, published in 1945 by Bobbs-Merrill and is co-author of Atoms, Rocks and Galaxies (Harpers, 1938 and 1942) and of Veterans Challenge the Colleges, (Kings Crown Press, 1947). The last-named book was written with Dr J. Hillis Miller, then Associate Commissioner in the State Education Department and since October 1947 president of the University of Florida.

Doctor Allen is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Astronomical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the Société Astronomique de France. In 1932 he was a member of the Franklin Institute Solar Eclipse Expedition and was guest lecturer at Hayden Planetarium in New York City in 1935.

He was graduated from Earlham College and received his master's degree in astronomy from the University of Minnesota. He received his doctor of philosophy degree from New York University in 1936. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity.

Doctor Allen is State Coordinator of the Veterans Education Council of the National Education Association, and chairman of the Committee on Approved Schools for Veterans for New York State.

He was president of the Albany Adult Education Council in 1944–45 and has been a member of the board of trustees of Dudley Observatory in Albany since 1944.

BAUER HONORED

Emery A. Bauer, supervisor of physical education in the Division of Health and Physical Education, received an honorary service award for 1948 at the annual meeting of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation held in January in Syracuse. The award was given in recognition of his years of faithful service for the youth of New York State.

CANADIAN STUDY

L. Marion Moshier, supervisor of public libraries in the Division of Library Extension, made a survey of libraries in Nova Scotia at the request of Guy Henson, director of the adult education division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education. She spent several weeks in December and January in the Canadian province and conferred with many groups in the interest of better libraries.

DOCTOR MAXWELL ACCEPTS WASHINGTON POST

Dr Cyrus H. Maxwell, Chief of the Bureau of Health Service in the State Education Department since 1937, will resign March 3d to accept a position as Chief of Administration of School and College Health Service in the United States Office of Education at Washington, D. C.

Doctor Maxwell is president-elect of the American School Health Association, having previously served as vice president and a member of the governing council of that association. He has also been a member of the governing council of the New York State School Physicians Association. He has served on several state committees on health programs.

He holds a bachelor of science degree from West Virginia University, the degree of master of science from the University of Illinois and the doctor of medicine degree from Harvard University. He was formerly resident physician in pediatrics in the out-patient division at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, and instructor at the Rochester School of Medicine. From 1931 to 1937 he engaged in private practice at Auburn and for most of that time was school medical supervisor in that city. His writing has been in the field of pediatrics and school health.

Doctor Maxwell is a veteran of World War I and World War II. He served 61 months in World War II in the training of medical troops and of quartermaster officers, and organized and took to the European Theater of Operations a hospital which was established and served in the evacuation and care of the wounded from Germany. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his work as surgeon at the Quartermaster School. His rank was that of colonel.

MUIRHEAD APPOINTED

Peter P. Muirhead, supervisor in the Bureau of Instructional Supervision of the Division of Secondary Education since September 1944, was appointed January 1st as assistant director of the Division of Examinations and Testing. The appointment is provisional.

Mr Muirhead came to the Education Department from Henrietta High School, where he had been principal for seven years. He had previously taught social studies and was vice principal at Avon.

He was graduated from the State Teachers College at Geneseo and received his bachelor's degree from the State College for Teachers at Albany and his master's degree at the University of Rochester.

He is codirector of the Educators Book Club and a former president of Monroe County Schoolmasters.

NEW CONSULTANT

A. T. Houghton, formerly principal of the Red Creek Central School in Red Creek, has been appointed consultant to the Bureau of Adult Education. Mr Houghton is developing adult education programs for rural and central school districts in New York State. The appointment took effect on January 2, 1948.

For the past 11 years Mr Houghton was principal of the Red Creek centralized school, where he conducted an adult education program for his rural population for six of the 11 years. During 1944–45 Mr Houghton served in the United States Marine Corps in the Marshall and Marianna islands. He also taught business subjects in the Holland Central School. He has a bachelor of science degree from Syracuse University and a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan.

Educational Notes

DR ALAN BROWN IS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr Alan W. Brown will be the new president of the Colleges of the Seneca — Hobart and William Smith, succeeding the late Dr John Milton Potter. He will take office at the end of the school year.

Doctor Brown is now assistant to the dean of Columbia College, Columbia University. He has his bachelor's and master's degrees from Harvard University and a doctor's degree from Columbia University. He has also studied in Paris, Athens and Munich.

He was appointed instructor in English and comparative literature at Columbia University in 1934 and assistant professor of English in 1946.

He has published Classics of the Western World, a bibliography, (American Library Association, 1943) and The Metaphysical Society: Victorian Minds in Crisis, 1869–1880 (Columbia University Press, 1947).

VETERAN ENROLMENT

Registration of veterans in schools and colleges of New York State on November 1, 1947, totaled 212,528, according to reports received by the State Education Department. Records were furnished by 1798 of a possible 2153 institutions, including both private and public high schools, private schools in special fields, special schools, agricultural and technical institutes, public high schools having agricultural departments that carry a program of institutional-on-farm training, as well as colleges and junior colleges.

The total enrolment in full-time day schools, including all branches of training in all types of institutions, was 129,783. The total enrolment in colleges and junior colleges was 121,739, of whom 29,760 were part-time students. Agricultural and technical institutes enrolled 2997, including 155 in evening classes. Private trade schools enrolled 20,122, of whom 12,125 were in full-time day attendance. Business schools and institutes reported a total enrolment of 11,632. Veterans taking institutional-on-farm training numbered 2500.

NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL

New York State's 345th central school district — the only new centralization voted in more than six months — has been approved by residents of the Falconer area in Chautauqua county. The vote for centralization was 499 to 212. Eighteen school districts will make up the new central school district. The new district will begin operation July 1st. It brings to 5243 the number of school districts centralized in the State.

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LIBRARIAN HONORED

John Adams Lowe, director of libraries for Rochester, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Rochester Poetry Society at the annual meeting of that society recently. Mr Lowe thus joins a group which includes some of the Nation's most distinguished poets. The honor was conferred upon Mr Lowe in recognition of his long interest in the Poetry Society as well as his perennial interest in the literary life of Rochester.

E. R. DYER NAMED SCHOOL BOARDS SECRETARY

Everett R. Dyer, formerly of Richfield Springs, was named executive secretary of the New York State School Boards Association by the board of directors of the association on December 6th. He succeeds W. A. Clifford of Mount Vernon, who has held that position for the past 19 years. Mr Clifford as executive secretary emeritus will remain on the staff of the association in an advisory capacity.

Mr Dyer has been supervising principal at Richfield Springs Central School since July 1947, and for the previous ten years was principal at Belfast. He has also taught in the Friendship Central School.

A native of Falconer, Mr Dyer was graduated from Houghton College and has a master of arts degree from the University of Rochester. He has completed all course requirements at New York University for a doctorate in education. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, educational fraternity.

Everett R. Dyer

His professional memberships include the New York State Teachers Association, the New York State Association of Secondary School Principals, the New York State Central School Principals Association, the National Education Association and the Departments of Secondary School Principals and of Rural Education of that association. He is a past president of the Allegany County School Men's Club. For the past two years he was a member of the New York State Central School Principals' state aid committee. Mr Dyer has been active for nearly 20 years in the Boy Scout movement.

He assumed the duties of his new position on January 1, 1948. He has moved his home to Mount Vernon and will retain the present office of the association at 9 South Third avenue in that city.

PROGRAM PLANNED FOR INTERGROUP TRAINING

Teachers College, Columbia University, will launch next fall a new program of leadership training and intensive research in the field of intergroup and intercultural education. The program is intended primarily for students beyond the master's degree and will offer "sizeable scholarships and fellowships." A grant of $125,000 from the National Conference of Christians and Jews will support the program for five years.

The program is designed to take advantage of the constructive role which educators can play in lessening tensions and conflicts arising among religious, racial and ethnic groups.

FACKENTHAL HONORED

Dr Frank D. Fackenthal, acting president of Columbia University since the retirement of the late Dr Nicholas Murray Butler, was honored on January 15th with the Alexander Hamilton medal in recognition of his 42 years of service with the university. Doctor Fackenthal has served as chief clerk, university secretary and provost, as well as assistant to Doctor Butler before his retirement.

The Hamilton medal, created in 1947 and presented first to Doctor Butler, is given to honor an alumnus or faculty member of Columbia College.

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TESTING SERVICE

Officers of the Educational Testing Service, recently chartered by the State Board of Regents, are: President James B. Conant of Harvard University as chairman of the board, and Henry Chauncey, president. Doctor Conant served as chairman of the special committee on testing appointed by the Carnegie Foundation to study the need for the formation of Educational Testing Service. Mr Chauncey has been director of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Lester Nelson, principal of Scarsdale High School, is a member of the board of trustees.

The Educational Testing Service merges the testing activities of the three leading nonprofit agencies — the American Council on Education, the College Entrance Examination Board and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Each organization will continue to function independently in other programs in the field of education. The purpose of the new agency is to develop more effective examinations from the first grade to graduate school and better intelligence and aptitude tests, and to conduct intensive research in new testing materials.

ONEONTA STUDY

Through a grant of funds from the Milbank Memorial Fund, a study is being made in the schools of Oneonta to determine what measurements give the best indication of normal growth and development of children, and most quickly discover those who are not progressing and need more careful physical examination and evaluation.

The present study will compare the Stuart-Meredith System of Measurements, devised by the Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Iowa at the request of the American Public Health Association with the Wetzel system which has been used in the Oneonta schools. The work is being done under the direction of Dr Francis Marx, school physician, and his assistant, Dr Reade Sisson, with the assistance of Dr Stuart S. Stevenson, professor of child health in the Harvard School of Public Health. It is hoped the study will run for five years.

The Division of Health and Physical Education helped to outline the project and to obtain funds for its operation.

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SKI CLUBS

More than 60 schools in the State are now sponsoring ski clubs or teams as intramural or interscholastic activity, as compared with the nine schools engaging in such activity last year. Emphasis has been placed on developing ski clubs so that all pupils may receive instruction. Schoolmen consider that outdoor winter sports are desirable from the standpoint of health and for their social value.

The growth of this sport is traced to the publicity given the Olympic Winter Sports Team, the development of the St Lawrence University Winter Sports School for teachers and recreation leaders and the efforts of the Department's Division of Health and Physical Education building on the natural desire of youth to be out of doors.

ARTIST FOR INDUSTRY

Arthur H. Lindberg, teacher in the art department of Kenmore Senior High School, was featured in the December issue of Buffalo Business, published by the Chamber of Commerce of that city, for his paintings of industrial scenes of Buffalo and its waterfront. Several of his paintings are currently shown at the Bredemeier Galleries in Buffalo. Mr Lindberg studied at the Art Students League in New York and at Pratt Institute, from which he received a B.F.A. degree. He has a master's degree from Columbia University.

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SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES

George M. Elmendorf retired January 31st as superintendent of schools at Plattsburg. He had been connected with the school system of that city since July 1, 1920. Previously he had been superintendent for several years at Herkimer.

The resignation was accepted by the board of education "with the deepest regret" and with appreciation for Superintendent Elmendorf's "tireless, selfless service."

For several years Mr Elmendorf has lectured at Plattsburg State Teachers College and has taught at summer sessions of St Lawrence University.

Mr Elmendorf will continue in the educational field as consultant and lecturer and will continue to give illustrated travelogs.

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DOCTOR ADLER DIES

Dr Martha Adler, who served with the New York City school system for 49 years, died in December 1947. She was principal of Public School 114, Brooklyn, when she retired in 1944.

DR W. H. HOLMES DIES

Dr W. H. Holmes, superintendent of schools at Mount Vernon from 1913 until his retirement in 1940, died at Portland, Maine, on January 6th.

Doctor Holmes was a director of the National Education Association for New York State for three years and a vice president of that association from 1930 to 1931. He was at one time a vice president of the American Institute of Instruction and had written many textbooks.

During World War I he was chairman of the Committee on Extension Lectures and the Army Education Commission of the American Expeditionary Forces and general field supervisor of the Army Educational Corps. In 1925 he was a member of the New York City School Survey.

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ADULT CLASSES

The Gowanda High School has extended its adult program to include classes in the Thomas Indian School on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

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FRED W. HILL RESIGNS

Fred W. Hill, superintendent of schools for the third supervisory district, Monroe county, resigned October 15, 1947, for reasons of health.

Mr Hill began his supervisory work as school commissioner in 1902 and was elected superintendent of schools in 1911. He had served continuously in that capacity since that time. Prominent throughout the State in the field of rural education, Mr Hill has been active in the program for centralization of rural schools and in the establishment of a traveling library for Monroe county.

He began his career in 1890 as a teacher in rural schools of his native county. He also taught at Spencerport before becoming school commissioner.